

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Colleague:

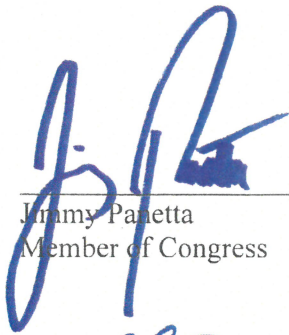
In January, the Democratic caucus will return to the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives. We will have the great responsibility to govern and fulfill our promises to the American people. As veterans, who served our country, and as members of Congress, who serve the people of our communities, we appreciate and value the necessary qualities needed to lead our caucus in fulfilling our obligations and service to the people of our nation. Nancy Pelosi has proven that she has those qualities and that is why we urge you to support her for Speaker of the House.

As veterans, we appreciate the service and sacrifice made by those in uniform and the hurdles our fellow veterans face upon returning to civilian life. As members of Congress, it is our duty to promote and advance sound public policies so that we can serve those who serve us, including our active duty military and the nearly 20 million veterans in our communities. Based on her leadership and track record, Nancy Pelosi has proven that she will do what it takes to provide for the security of our nation and ensure that our veterans receive the benefits that they so rightly deserve.

When Democrats were last poised to be in the majority, then-Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi made national security and the commitment to our veterans her top priority in the "Six for '06" agenda. And as Speaker, she presided over two of the most productive Congresses in a generation. She oversaw the passage of critical pieces of legislation that enhanced our national security, such as the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010, and the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act. Furthermore, she fought to update and increase the benefits our veterans were promised and deserve, including her work on the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act, which was the largest expansion of veteran educational benefits since World War II. Throughout her tenure, then-Speaker Pelosi made serving our veterans and enhancing our national security a top priority for the Democratic majority. Given her continued and consistent leadership, we believe that Nancy Pelosi is the right person to lead our efforts and fulfill our duties in the 116th Congress.

There continue to be security threats abroad and at home and barriers remain to be addressed for our veterans to receive the care and benefits they so thoroughly deserve. As we emerge into the 116th Congress, we need a Speaker who has a proven record of serving our veterans and advancing policies that enhance our national security interests. Nancy Pelosi has that record. That is why we are asking you to join us in supporting Nancy Pelosi for Speaker of the House.

Sincerely,



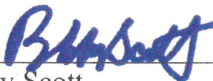
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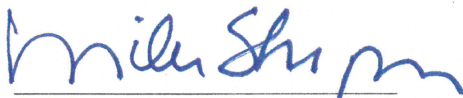
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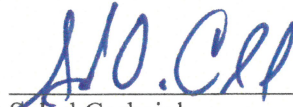
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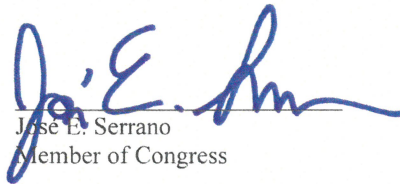
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